

ranges" as applying to page 2, line 10 and 11 in Amendment A. The applicant has restored ranges to this statement.

**Objection to the Claim:** To comply with 35 USC 112, the applicant has canceled the claim of record and has substituted Claim 1. Also, to comply with 35 USC 102, the applicant has changed the range from .5 to 2 mm to greater than .5 to 2 mm to exclude overlap. The applicant is concerned that she may be misunderstanding the phrase "deleting the claimed ranges." The applicant wishes to receive a patent that has a greater thickness than her previous patent.

**Attorney:** The applicant requests the examiner's forbearance during this current effort to bring the application into condition for granting the patent, and wishes to do as much as possible without an attorney.

### **Conclusion**

For all of the reasons above, the applicant submits that the title, specifications, claims and abstract are in proper form and that the new claim defines patentability over prior art. The applicant, therefore, submits that this application is now appropriate for allowance, and respectfully requests such action.

**Request for Assistance**

The applicant has amended the application; however, if for any reason the application is not believed to be proper for allowance, the applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance as in M.P.E.P. 2173.02 and 707.07(j) so that the undersigned can have the application in allowable condition soon and with no need for further action.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Victoria E. Henricksen". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

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